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To amend title 10, United States Code, to strengthen the limitations on participation of the Armed Forces in foreign airshows or trade exhibitions involving military equipment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATIONS ON PARTICIPATION OF THE**
4 **ARMED FORCES IN FOREIGN AIRSHOWS OR**
5 **TRADE EXHIBITIONS INVOLVING MILITARY**
6 **EQUIPMENT.**

7 (a) CODIFICATION AND STRENGTHENING OF PAR-
8 TICIPATION LIMITATIONS.—(1) Chapter 152 of title 10,

1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
2 following new section:

3 **“§ 2555. Participation in foreign airshows and trade**
4 **exhibitions: limitations and prohibitions**

5 “(a) PROHIBITION ON DIRECT OR INDIRECT PAR-
6 TICIPATION.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the
7 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of a military de-
8 partment, and military equipment and members of the
9 armed forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of De-
10 fense or the Secretary of a military department, may not
11 participate in any airshow or trade exhibition held outside
12 the United States. The Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
13 retary of a military department may not use the training
14 or readiness requirements for military equipment or mem-
15 bers of the armed forces to indirectly support an airshow
16 or trade exhibition held outside the United States.

17 “(b) LIMITATION ON PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT.—
18 In the event that a defense contractor or industrial asso-
19 ciation requests the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary
20 of a military department to provide support in the form
21 of military equipment for any airshow or trade exhibition
22 to be held outside the United States, such equipment may
23 not be supplied unless the contractor or association agrees
24 to reimburse the Treasury of the United States for—

1 “(1) all incremental costs of military personnel
2 accompanying the equipment or assisting the con-
3 tractor or association in the display or demonstra-
4 tion of the equipment, including food, lodging, and
5 local transportation costs;

6 “(2) all incremental transportation costs in-
7 curred in moving the equipment from its normally
8 assigned location to the airshow or trade exhibition
9 and return; and

10 “(3) any other miscellaneous incremental costs
11 (such as insurance costs or ramp fees) not included
12 under paragraphs (1) and (2) that are incurred by
13 the Federal Government but would not have been in-
14 curred had military support not been provided to the
15 contractor or industrial association.

16 “(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘incre-
17 mental transportation cost’ includes the cost of transport-
18 ing equipment to an airshow or trade exhibition even if
19 the provision of transportation by the Department of De-
20 fense fulfills legitimate training requirements that would
21 otherwise have to be met.”.

22 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
23 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
24 new item:

“2555. Participation in foreign airshows and trade exhibitions: limitations and prohibitions.”.

1 (b) REPEAL OF EXISTING LIMITATIONS.—Section
2 1082 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
3 Year 1993 (Public Law 102–484; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is
4 repealed.

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